

EVELYN M. DUNN.

APRIL 25, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

Mr. MIERS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 14576.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 14576) granting a pension to Evelyn M. Dunn, submit the following report:

The bill seeks an increase of pension from \$17 to \$30 per month for the beneficiary named therein, who is now 60 years of age and is the widow of William D. Dunn, who served as assistant surgeon of the Twenty-first Indiana Infantry from September 26, 1862, to September 3, 1863, when honorably discharged, and who died October 13, 1895, from disease of heart due to his military service.

The beneficiary was married to the officer on October 15, 1861, and is now in receipt of a pension under the general law of \$17 per month on account of the death of her husband, this being the rate provided by law for the widow of an assistant surgeon.

Medical and other testimony filed with your committee shows that the beneficiary suffers from mitral regurgitation of the heart; that the sight of her right eye is almost completely gone, being barely able to distinguish light and not able to count fingers; that with her left eye she can not count fingers at a distance of 8 inches; that she is unable to go about the streets unattended; that this condition totally incapacitates her for earning a support by any kind of labor; that she has no property of any kind and no income from any source except her pension, and that she makes her home with her daughter, who looks after and cares for her and assists in her support.

Under the rules of the Senate and House an increase of the beneficiary's pension from \$17 to \$25 per month is justified in view of her blindness and dependence.

The passage of the bill is therefore recommended when amended as follows:

In line 6 strike out the word "Williamson" and insert in lieu thereof the word "William."

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty-five."

In line 9, after the word "month," insert the words "in lieu of that she is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Evelyn M. Dunn."

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